

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination of the patent application.

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. Claims 2, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 18 are currently being amended. New claims 21-25 are being added. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner needs anything or if a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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